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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC: ITEM 17 - FOOD PROBLEMS

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1. STRENUOUS WEO CORRIDOR EFFORTS TO HAVE G-77 WITHDRAW DRAFT RESOLUTION TRANSMITTED PARA FOUR REFTEL B HAVE FAILED AND RESOLUTION NOW SCHEDULED FOR COMMITTEE ACTION JULY 30. UK, FRG AUSTRALIA AND POSSIBLY OTHER WEOS HAVE INDICATED THEY PLAN VOTE "NO". IN ADVANCE OF VOTE USDEL PLANS POINT OUT THAT FOR VARIETY OF REASONS RESOLUTION INAPPROPRIATE AND ILL-CONCEIVED AND WILL DRAW ATTENTION PARTICULARLY TO FACT THAT AGREEMENT ALREADY EXISTS BETWEEN UN AND OAU ON PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO OAU ACTIVITIES. IF APPEAL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF RESOLUTION FAILS USDEL WILL ALSO VOTE "NO" UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.

2. WITHE REGARD TO DRAFT RESOLUTION TRANSMITTED PARA FIVE REF B, G-77 HAVE AGREED AMEND TEXT THROUGH INSERTING "AGREED" BEFORE "RECOMMENDATIONS" IN OP PARA THREE. WEO'S ARE DELIGHTED WITH THIS OUTCOME IN VIEW OF EARLIER PROSPECT THAT G-77 WOULD PUSH FOR ACTION ON DRAFT RESOLUTIONS APPENDED

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TO WFC REPORT OR AT MINIMUM INSIST ON FORMAL ECOSOC ENDORSEMENT

OF NUMEROUS RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, MANY OF WHICH WERE NOT FULLY AGREED. WEOS SEE NO DIFFICULTY WITH SECOND PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH. THEIR VIEW, WHICH USDEL SHARES, IS THAT RESOLUTION DOES NOT ENDORSE ANYTHING CONTAINED IN WFC REPORT BUT SIMPLY NOTES IT; THAT APPENDED G-77 DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (WHICH IN ACTUAL FACT WERE NOT EVEN SERIOUSLY ADDRESSED BY LDCS HERE) ARE CLEARLY NOT BEING ENDORSED; AND THAT ACTION LANGUAGE IN OP PARA THREE WHICH IS ONLY REAL ACTION PARA CONTAINS EXCEPTIONALLY MILD FORMULATIONS.

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING AS WELL AS EXTREME TACTICAL INADVISABILITY OF USDELS STANDING ALONE IN OBJECTION TO A RESOLUTION REGARDED AS INNOCUOUS BY EVERYONE, REQUEST THAT DEPT RECONSIDER INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED PARA TWO REFTTEL A.

4. RE KITCHEN/BYRNES TELCON JULY 19, WISH CALL DEPT'S ATTENTION TO FOLLOWING DECISION ADOPTED BY WFC AT ITS SECOND SESSION:

QUOTE: THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL ALSO TAKES NOTE OF THE RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE GROUP OF SEVENTY-SEVEN AND THE RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT WFC/L.8 AND REFERS THEM TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE

IN VIEW THIS TEXT, USDEL FAILS TO UNDERSTAND HOW ECOSOC COULD BE EXPECTED TO DO OTHER THAN ACCEDE TO RECOMMENDATION OF WFC. MOREOVER, THE NEAR ATTACHMENT OF THE RESOLUTIONS TO WFC REPORT IS TANTAMOUNT TO CONSIDERATION EVEN IF THOSE RESOLUTIONS NOT READ OR DEBATED IN COURSE CONSIDERATION WFC REPORT. ABRAMS

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